



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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FORT IRWIN, CALIFORNIA 92310

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: NTC Policy Letter 6, Command Safety Policy

1. PURPOSE. To outline the Fort Irwin Policy for Safety Programs, Privately Owned Vehicles (POV), Motorcycle Safety, Dirt Bike and All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety.

2. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all Soldiers (on and off the installation), Family members, Department of the Army Civilians (in a duty status), and contractors.

3. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program, Rapid Action Revision (RAR), 14 June 2010.
- b. FORSCOM 385-1, Forces Command Safety Program, 31 March 1998.
- c. IMCOM 385-10, Safety Program, 1 June 2010.
- d. NTC Regulation 385-10, National Training Center and Fort Irwin Safety Program, April 2005.

4. POLICY.

a. Safety is paramount to the overall success of the National Training Center. Leaders, Soldiers, and the NTC workforce will stay vigilant in support of Safety programs for the protection of all personnel and resources. The principles of composite risk management must be applied in all aspects of mission planning, training as well as other daily and leisure activities in order to maintain our combat readiness. Leaders will set the example by developing a comprehensive Safety program while enforcing safety standards which in turn will mitigate risks inherent to our profession of arms.

b. Commanders, Leaders, and Directorates will administer training, education, and motivation programs in an effort to prevent motor vehicle, motorcycle and workplace accidents. Such programs will encompass safe operation of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. Additionally, Soldiers will receive a Motor Vehicle Safety Brief and a local hazards brief during in-processing from the Garrison Safety Office. Soldiers who are under 26 years of age will complete the Army Accident Avoidance on-line course within 30 days of reporting to their units. The Garrison Safety office will support the Motorcycle mentorship training, motorcycle, ATV, and Dirt Bike training and accident avoidance programs. Commanders are not authorized to waive or defer motorcycle training. Further guidance is found in NTC Regulation 385-10.

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c. All personnel, to include Family members, guests, and visitors, will always wear occupant protective devices on Fort Irwin while operating a motor vehicle. Motorcycle Personal Protective Equipment will be worn both on and off the installation by Soldiers. Texting and wearing of any portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices (except for hands free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.

d. Leaders will ensure Soldiers complete a POV risk assessment and POV Safety inspection (DA Civilians are encouraged) when going on leave, pass, or TDY out of the immediate local area when operating their POV (at a minimum semi-annually). Vehicle inspections will include verification of vehicle registration, insurance, and licensing requirements. Soldiers will use the POV risk management toolbox accessed through the USACRC Web site at <https://crc.army.mil>.

e. Commanders will conduct an annual Safety day and formally recognize Units and Soldiers for outstanding safe driving records.

f. Leaders and Directorates will ensure they are familiar with reporting and response procedures for all classes of motor vehicle, motorcycle (on and off road), ATV and workplace accidents.

5. The proponent for this Policy Letter is the NTC Safety Office at 760-380-5564/6982 and the Garrison Safety Office at 760-380-7708/1347.


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